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Dear Art:

Recently we have made some observations that may be of value to The Council for Tobacco Research. The observations center around the lysis of certain oral bacteria by tobacco products (smoke and a saline extract of smokeless tobacco). If indeed, lysis is a natural consequence of tobacco-bacteria (not all species of bacteria tested lyse) interactions, there may be some correlation with oral disease. The release of muramyl peptides could be a factor in certain inflammatory reactions.

Is this the kind of research The Council would be willing to evaluate? If affirmative, I should like an application package.

How is the new job? I think it wise to work for a company or foundation, as higher education is not attractive these days.

Cordial personal regards,

Sincerely,

R.J. Doyle

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